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For: METHOD OF JOINING DATA
AND ITS METADATA USING
DYNAMIC METADATA IN
RELATIONAL DATABASE

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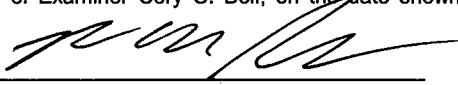
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 31, 2006

In response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 31, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. While no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 09-0465/ROC920030190US1 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.